

## STANDARDS FOR PRUNING OF TREES IN WALNUT CREEK

Pruning of *any* Tree in Walnut Creek, *private* and *public*, shall be performed when and only when it enhances its structural strength, health, general appearance or for safety reasons. All pruning shall be consistent with the current Pruning Practices published by the *International Society of Arboriculture* and adhere to the most recent editions of the *American National Standard (ANSI) for Tree Care Operations (Z133.1)* and *Pruning (A-300)*. Tree contractors shall have a City of Walnut Creek business license and possess a **C-61/D49** license for Tree Work.

When pruning needs to be performed that deviates from the above requirements, it shall require prior approval of the City Arborist or *City approved* contract arborist.

In *addition* to the above requirements, pruning of privately owned trees shall require prior approval from the property owner before any work can be performed.

Pruning of **Highly Protected Trees** *Quercus lobata* (Valley oak), *Quercus agrifolia* (Coast live oak), *Quercus douglasii* (Blue oak), *Quercus kelloggii* (California black oak), *Quercus chrysolepis* (Canyon live oak), *Quercus wizlizeni* (Interior live oak), *Arbutus menziesii* (Madrone), *Aesculus californica* (California buckeye), *Juglans hindsii* (California black walnut), *Pinus sabiniana* (Grey pine), can only be performed by a qualified City approved ISA Certified Arborist or Tree Worker<sup>1</sup>

If you have any questions you can contact John Davis, the Walnut Creek City Arborist at (925) 943-5899 x181.

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<sup>1</sup>The International Society of Arboriculture administers a certification program for arborists. Certified Arborists are listed at <http://www2.champaign.isa-arbor.com/> Tree Worker (a certification by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture) lists are available from the WCISA, P.O. Box 255155, Sacramento, CA 95865